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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:20-CV-973

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS FOUNDATION VS.
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, ET AL.

ORAL DEPOSITION
OF
SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN
TAKEN ON
NOVEMBER 12, 2021
VIA ZOOM

REPORTED BY:

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	DIVISION	2	Reported By:
YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF		3	JUDY A. COUGHENOUR & ASSOCIATES
TEXAS FOUNDATION			BY: JUDY A. COUGHENOUR JOHNSON
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vs.	CIVIL ACTION NO.		Austin, TX 78750
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7 NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM, NEAL	HONORABLE SEAN D. JORDAN	~	e-mail: Jude@prodigy.net
SMATRESK, PRESIDENT OF THE) UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS,)		_	c-mail: Jude@prodigy.net
AND SHANNON GOODMAN, VICE) PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT OF		6	* * * * * * *
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH		7	
TEXAS		8	STIPULATIONS
********	***********	9	The attorneys for all parties present stipulate and
			agree to the following items:
ORAL DEP	POSITION	11	THAT the deposition of SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN is
	OF.		taken pursuant to Notice;
		13	THAT by agreement of Counsel and all parties
SHANNON MICH		14	present, the Reporter was allowed to swear in the Witness
TAKEN V	AIV XOOM '.	15	remotely;
NOVEMBER	12, 2021	16	THAT all objections will be made pursuant to the
3		17	Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
*********	*********	18	AND THAT the original transcript will be submitted
		19	for signature to the Witness' attorney, SANDY
ORAL DEPOSITION OF SHA	ANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN, taken	20	HELLUMS-GOMEZ, and that the Witness or the Witness'
remotely via the Zoom platfor	m, produced as a Witness at	21	attorney will return the signed transcript to JUDY A.
the instance of the Plaintiff	E, and duly sworn, was taken		COUGHENOUR & ASSOCIATES within thirty days of the date the
in the above-styled and numbe	ered cause on the 12th day of		transcript is provided to the Witness' attorney. If not
November, 2021, from 1:28 p.m	n. to 2:06 p.m., before JUDY		returned, the Witness may be deemed to have waived the
A. COUGHENOUR JOHNSON, Certif			right to make the changes, and an unsigned copy may be
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1 THE REPORTER: Today's date is November	12,	1 (Ms. Garcia came in to the camera view.)
2 2021, and the time is 1:27 p.m.		2 MR. WELDON: Thank you.
3 My name is Judy Coughenour Johnson, Judy A	A.	3 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Does that work?
4 Coughenour & Associates, 8109 Asmara Drive, Austin,	Texas.	4 (The Reporter indicated that now Mr. Weldon
5 This is the oral deposition of Shannon		5 could begin at any time.)
6 Michael Goodman, and it is being conducted remotely,	by	6 MR. WELDON: Okay.
7 agreement of Counsel, with the Witness located at the		7 Q (Mr. Weldon) Would you please state your name
8 University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.		8 for the record?
9 Will the Witness please raise your right		9 MR. WELDON: I think - I think they're on -
10 hand and be sworn?		10 I think they're on mute.
****		MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Yeah,
12		12 A (The Witness) Shannon Goodman.
SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN		13 (The Reporter asked for a repeat of the
14 the Witness herein, having been first duly administered		14 name.)
oath or affirmation, via Zoom, pursuant to the agreemen		15 A (The Witness) Goodman.
16 of Counsel, testified as follows:		16 Q (Mr. Weldon) And Mr. Goodman, have you ever
17		17 given a deposition before?
EXAMINATION		18 A I have not.
9 QUESTIONS BY MR, WELDON:		19 Q Okay. So then before we begin, I'd just like
THE REPORTER; Thank you.		20 to ask that for the purposes of getting a clear
I have administered the oath, the Witness		21 transcript, you let me finish asking any questions before
		22 you start your answer, and I'll extend the same courtesy,
,		23 by waiting for you to answer before I ask any additional
Would Counsel, and all other persons		24 questions. Is that fair?
present in the rooms, please identify yourselves, and you	·	25 A That's fair.
25 locations, for the record?		23 71 Hat Staff.
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MR. WELDON: Chance Weldon, taking the	e	1 Q Okay. And it probably won't be necessary, but
2 deposition,		2 if for any reason you need a break, just let me know. I
3 I'm here in Austin, Texas.	1	3 only ask that you answer any question that's pending at
4 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Sandy - excuse	me -	4 the time before we break. Is that fair?
5 Sandy Hellums-Gomez, Counsel for the Defendants.		5 A That's fair.
I am present in Houston, Texas.	- 1	6 Q Okay. Are you on any medication that would
7 MS. DUGGINS-CLAY: Paige Duggins-Cla	ay,	7 prevent you from answering truthfully here today?
8 Counsel for the UNT, Defendants, and in Austin, Tex	as.	8 A No.
9 (The Reporter asked if there was anyone		9 Q Okay. And do you have any medical condition
else present with Mr. Weldon.)	1	10 that would prevent you from answering truthfully here
MR. WELDON: Yeah. Yes.		11 today?
2 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes. Christian Townse	end in	12 A No.
3 Austin, Texas.		Q Okay. And you're currently employed by the
4 (The Reporter indicated Mr. Weldon		14 University of North Texas. Is that true?
could begin at any time.)	1,	15 A That's true.
MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: And - well, and		16 Q Okay. And what is the title of your position
present in Denton, as well, is Miss Dolly Garcia, in-ho		17 there?
8 Counsel with UNT.	11	18 A Vice-President for Enrollment.
9 MR. WELDON: Can - can she be on camer		19 Q Okay. And you're testifying here today in your
20 just - I can't see her, and I don't know who's in the		20 capacity as Vice-President of Enrollment. Is that true?
21 room.		21 A That's true.
So if she could just get back on camera,	110	22 Q Okay. So how long have you been in that role?
that would be appreciated.	à l	23 A Approximately six and a half years,
MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Okay. Can you		24 approximately.
that work for you, Dolly?		25 Q And as Vice-President of Enrollment, what
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                                                                     1 before?
 1 exactly do you oversee? What are you in charge of?
       A As far as units?
                                                                            A (The Witness) I think what you're pointing to
       O Yeah.
                                                                        is a Web page? Web site? Is that correct?
       A Or the division?
                                                                            A That - that - that is correct.
             So I have University Admissions. I have
                                                                     5
                                                                                  And is this the - your biography that's on
 6 Financial Aid and Scholarships. I have the Registrar
                                                                        the University of North Texas Web site?
 7 Office. I have - the last six months, I have - I now have
                                                                            A Yeah. It should be.
                                                                     7
 8 Student Financial Services. I have a unit that's called
                                                                                  I haven't looked at that site recently, but
                                                                     8
 9 Enrollment Systems. And also oversee Welcome Center and
                                                                        I'm assuming that's - that's what's there right now.
10 University Tours.
                                                                            Q Okay. And did you - did you sign off on this,
                                                                     10
11
             And then just administrative units, within.
                                                                    11 or help create it?
12 Like budget, you know, for - for the division.
                                                                    12
                                                                            A Probably at the - I - I probably did sign off on
       Q So if I --
13
                                                                        it at the - at the time it was created. Yeah.
             (The Reporter asked for a repeat of the
14
                                                                            Q Okay. Thank you.
                                                                    14
15
              last part of the Witness' answer.)
                                                                                  And can you look in this section here that
        A (The Witness) For the division. Just for - you
                                                                    16 says Bio Information? A couple of sentences down, where
17 know, for the administrative roles for the - for the
                                                                        it says, "Mr. Goodman oversees UNT programs"?
18 division, itself.
                                                                            A Yes.
                                                                     18
       Q (Mr. Weldon) So do any of those departments or
                                                                            Q Do you see that sentence?
                                                                    19
20 programs, that you oversee, involve the assessment of
                                                                    20
                                                                            A Yes, I do.
21 tuition at the University of North Texas?
                                                                    21
                                                                            Q All right. And it says that you oversee the
       A I have a - a unit that's called Student
                                                                    22
                                                                        Eagle Express Tuition Plan. Correct?
23 Financial Services. They actually will assign or ensure
                                                                            A That's correct. That's part of the Student
                                                                    23
24 that tuition has been assigned so that students are - are
                                                                       Financial Services.
                                                                    24
25 charged, and then they'll - they're also in charge of
                                                                    25
                                                                            Q Okay. And that tuition plan, that's going to
                                                        Page 10
                                                                                                                             Page 12
                                                                     1 involve the cost of - of tuition for students at UNT,
 1 collecting those - and billing students for that.
                                                                     2 isn't it?
        Q I'm sorry. Can you repeat the last - the last
 3 part of that statement? I don't - I couldn't understand
                                                                           A If - and that's an older plan that new students,
 4 you.
                                                                     4 I don't believe, can lock in to anymore.
 5
        A Sure.
                                                                                 But yeah. That was - by students that
              They - they ensure that the - the students
                                                                        chose that, were able to lock in those rates,
                                                                     6
 7 are billed, and then they ensure that the - you know, they
                                                                           Q Okay. And that's - and - and you said that's no
   work on the fee payment, the collection side of that, as
                                                                        longer available at the University or --
   well.
                                                                           A I don't believe we're doing Eagle Express
 9
                                                                     9
        Q I'm going to introduce an exhibit, and let me
                                                                       anymore. We moved on to - the University moved on to Save
10
    see if I can pull it up here.
                                                                        and Soar Plan. That is a more recent one.
11
              This will be Exhibit 1.
12
                                                                                 So I think where students who had
              MR. WELDON: Can everybody see this? Are
13
                                                                       originally got on the Eagle Express will still continue on
    you all able to see that?
14
                                                                        that, but I don't believe it's available to new students.
              (The Reporter indicated she could.)
15
                                                                                 I could be wrong on that, but I - I - I
16
              MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Yes.
                                                                    16 don't believe it is.
        A (The Witness) I - if - if that is in reference
17
                                                                           Q Okay. Do you know if the cost of tuition is
    to a picture of me, yes.
                                                                       different for resident and nonresident students, at the
18
        Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay.
19
                                                                        University of North Texas?
20
              MR. WELDON: And I'm not sure.
                                                                    20
                                                                           A There is a statutory tuition rate that is state
              Do we have any way for them to be able to
21
                                                                        defined through the legislature. They define a - what
    scroll through this, or do I need to just operate that?
22
                                                                       universities, such as us, can charge for a credit hour for
              HOST: You'll need to operate that,
23
                                                                       resident, and they also define what is charged for
24
              MR. WELDON: Okay. Thank you.
                                                                        nonresident,
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        Q (Mr. Weldon) Have you ever seen this document
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                                                                                 So that's the - that is the difference.
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Page 13 Page 15 1 That's the rate that's different for residents and the University of North Texas Web site, would that sound 2 nonresidents. That's that statutory, legislative rate 2 like - would - would you agree that that's reasonable? that's --That we probably got it there? Q Okay. A Yes. A -- defined. Q Okay. Now can you look directly beneath -Q So - so you would agree, though, that the rate beneath your name there? There's a box relating to Chris that is - that is charged is different? Correct? Foster. Can you see that? A I would agree that the - yeah. That the A I can. statutory rate is - there's a rate set for resident and a Q Actually, let me back up one question. 9 rate set for nonresident. Would - does this appear to be an accurate representation of the way that division is structured? Q And UNT complies with that state law, and 11 12 charges the different rates. Correct? 12 13 A That is correct. Q Okay. And is this one of the - earlier you 13 Q Okay. I'm going to introduce a new exhibit, 14 testified that you oversee several divisions. Is - this is one of the divisions that you oversee? 15 Exhibit 2. MR. WELDON: Can everybody see that? 16 A I oversee one - one singular division, the 16 17 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Yes. 17 Division of Enrollment. These are different departments 18 MR. WELDON: Okay. or units within that division. Q (Mr. Weldon) And - and Mr. - Mr. Goodman, do 19 Q Okay. you recognize the document on your screen? 20 20 A Just --A (The Witness) I can't see it all. I think 21 Q So is it - oh. I apologize. 21 22 there are - might - the pictures, and stuff, are in front So the things - but basically this is a - a 22 23 of it. chart that shows all of the things that - all of the But the part that I can see, yeah. Is - is 24 divisions that you oversee with all - all of the 25 departments of the division that you oversee. Is that 25 recognizable. Yes. Page 14 Page 16 Q Okay. And --1 correct? 2 (The Reporter asked for a repeat of the A Correct. 3 last part of the Witness' answer.) Q Okay. So going back to the box in the middle A (The Witness) All the way - well, it's - the that - that refers to Chris Foster - you said you can see top - the - the teal boxes to Michael Sanders. I can see that there. Right? part of what I believe is probably Brenda McCoy, who's -A Correct. who is now retired, and then the level that has - down Q And from this chart, it looks like Mr. Foster 8 where it says Call Center, you know, starting from the direct - reports directly to you. Is that correct? left, I can see those boxes. A Correct. Q (Mr. Weldon) I can - I can move that around a Q Okay. So it would be fair to say that you 10 10 11 little bit so you can see the rest of it. oversee his work. Is that correct? 12 Does that change anything? A Yeah, I mean, I think that's fair, I oversee 12 A That allows me to see all the - I think the Chris. Yeah. 13 13 lower boxes, and - and that's fine. I'm assuming there's 14 Q Okay. Can you look at the box directly below 15 nothing off to the right that, you know, is different. Mr. Foster's name? 16 But what I can - what I can see looks A I can. 17 familiar. Yeah. Q Okay. And that indicates that Mr. Foster is in 17 Q Okay. Do - can you - can you say what that charge of tuition and fees assessment. Correct? 18 what this document represents? 19 20 A This would be a - a - a high-level org chart of Q Okay. And to your knowledge, when Mr. Foster 20 21 the division. assesses tuitions and - tuition and fees, he complies with O Okav. state law. Correct? 22 22 23 A Probably focusing in on who would be my direct 23 A Correct. 24 reports. Q And, you know, if, for some reason, Mr. Foster 24 Q Okay. And if I told you that we got this from collected fees in a way that didn't comply with state law, 25

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Page 17 Page 19 1 you would have authority to correct him. Right? 1 setting the formula for nonresident student tuition? A Correct. MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a Q I'd like to introduce Exhibit 3. And this is legal conclusion. going to be a copy of - this should be a copy of the Texas A (The Witness) Yeah. I would - that's kind of Education Code. how I read it. Yes. MR. WELDON: Can everybody see that? Q (Mr. Weldon) Thank you. A (The Witness) I - yeah. I mean, I can see the And you would agree that the formula, in page that I think you're bringing up. 8 Section (c), and the formula in Section (d), are Q (Mr. Weldon) Yeah. We can scroll - we'll different. Correct? scroll through - we'll scroll through it, as necessary. MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a 11 A Yes. 11 legal conclusion. Q Yeah. 12 A (The Witness) Yeah. I mean, as I - as I read 13 Have you ever seen Texas Education Code, it, I - well, I - there are different way to come to it. 14 Section 54.051 before? I guess technically it could end up being A I have seen it before. Yes. 15 the same if - the way it's calculated, the way it's 15 Q Okay. And can you take a look at Section (b) on 16 stated, would come out with it. But yeah. 17 this page? 17 Q (Mr. Weldon) Yeah. 18 A Okay. 18 But there - but they are different Q Okay. Would it be a fair summary to say that 19 formulas. Correct? 19 that section says the University shall collect tuition at A Yeah. The - the - the way they're stated, they the rates prescribed by this section? 21 21 seem to - the path to it is different, it sounds like. 22 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a Yeah. 23 legal conclusion. Q Okay. And to your knowledge, the programs that A (The Witness) Yeah, I'm not - let me reread 24 you oversee at the University of North Texas, they comply 25 it, because I'm not sure exactly what you're asking, so 25 with this law. Correct? Page 18 Page 20 1 that --. A To my understanding. Yes. Yeah. I mean, I think - is that - can you Q Okay. I'd like to introduce another exhibit. state your question again? That would be Exhibit 4. Q (Mr. Weldon) Yeah. I was just saying is it 4 MR. WELDON: Can everybody see that? fair to say that this section says that the college shall 5 A (The Witness) I can - I can see your screen. cause to be collected, from students, fees and rates 6 Yeah. prescribed in this section? Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay. Great. A Under that Statute? So according to Statute? And that - that looked - that appears, to 8 Is that what you're asking? you, to be Texas Education Code, Section 54.052? Q Yes. A That's what it's stated. Yeah. 10 10 A I think - I think that's fair. 11 11 Q Yeah. And have you seen this section of the 12 Q Yeah. Texas Education Code before? 13 Okay. Can you take a look at Section (c)? A I have. Yes. 13 14 14 Q Will you take a look at Section (a)? Q And in Section (c), you would agree that section 15 15 A Okay. sets the formula for the tuition rate for resident Q And is it fair to say that that section says students. Correct? that this law establishes the standard for establishing MR. WELDON: Objection. Calls for a legal 18 residency? Is that correct? 18 conclusion. 19 19 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a A (The Witness) Yeah. I think - I mean, with legal conclusion. 20 20 out of my understanding, I - I - I think so. 21 A (The Witness) That - so state your - state your Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay. If you take just a minute 22 question again? I'm sorry. 23 to look at Section (d), just beneath that? 23 Q (Mr. Weldon) I'm sorry. The - this - the - the 24 A Okay. Section (a) basically makes clear that this section of the 25 Q Okay. And is it fair to say that that is Texas Education Code sets the - the standard for

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 1 determining resident status. Is that correct?
                                                                           A (The Witness) So it's my understanding that the
        A I guess, on that, I don't - I don't know if - if
                                                                        ApplyTexas is - is owned, if you will, by THECB, the Texas
                                                                       Higher Education Coordinating Board. They contract out to
    (a) does that, in and of itself. I guess I've never tried
    to read it that way, but I think - are you talking about
                                                                     4 I think it's The University of Texas to actually help kind
 5 the - the entire - the 54.052, or are you talking about
                                                                        of maintain that application.
                                                                                 But the reason I bring it up and it's
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        Q Oh, yeah. And let me clarify.
                                                                        relevant, is on that application, when students apply in
              Section (a) indicates that, you know,
                                                                        Texas, and they use ApplyTexas, they will - they will use
    Section 54.052 is the statute that sets - that governs the
                                                                        that application, and they'll fill out that front.
    determination of resident status. Correct?
                                                                        There's a - a - for lack of a better term, there's like a
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              MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Yeah. Objection.
                                                                        profile that students have to create that they - they -
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    Calls for a legal conclusion.
                                                                        they answer a series of questions there, and then they'll
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        A (The Witness) So yeah. I mean, as I - yeah.
                                                                        pick, you know, what institutions they want to apply to.
              So for my understanding and knowledge,
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                                                                                But it's in that profile where the series
15 it's - it's that entire thing that begins to set
                                                                       of these questions regarding resident status, if you
   the - the - the rules and - of what determines resident
                                                                        will - you know, this - this - that are asked, and that
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   status.
                                                                        determination is made, and that determination then is
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              And I - I'm --
                                                                        passed to the universities.
        Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay.
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                                                                                So then we take - we take what the results
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        A -- going to answer it - I hope I'm answering
                                                                        of that profile, of what happened on that application, and
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    your question the way - what - what you're asking.
                                                                        then the - they will pass us, you know, the resident or
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        Q Oh. You're - you're doing - you're doing fine.
                                                                       nonresident field, and then we - we take that and - and
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   I'm just - let me - let me put it - put it to you this
                                                                       process it.
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    way.
                                                                           Q So is it - is it your understanding, then, that
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              So then you would agree that Section 54.052
                                                                    25 ApplyTexas determines the resident status of students
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 1 is what sets the - you know, the standard for resident
                                                                       based on 54 - 54.052?
 2 status. Correct?
                                                                                 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a
             MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for a
                                                                        legal conclusion.
 4 legal conclusion.
                                                                           A (The Witness) Yeah. I mean, functionally,
        A (The Witness) I - I - I believe so.
                                                                        those questions are asked there, and a - the answer to
        Q (Mr. Weldon) And the divisions at the
                                                                       that will derive a value that they pass us, which is then
 7 University of North Texas that you oversee, they
                                                                        either resident or nonresident.
 8 faithfully apply Section 54.052 when determining resident
                                                                                 So yeah. In that sense, I would say - say
    status. Correct?
                                                                        that's probably a pretty accurate statement.
        A Well, can I - let me - can I explain kind of how
                                                                           Q (Mr. Weldon) I'm sorry. I'm just going to try
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                                                                        and clean that up a little bit for the transcript. Was --
   that comes to us? That might help to this, because I want
   to try to make sure I'm answering your question.
             So the students - there's - I mean, I don't
                                                                           Q -- your - you - was - it was your conclusion,
14 know if you're familiar with ApplyTexas? It's the state
                                                                        then, that ApplyTexas, that program, the questions they
15 application. Are you - for admission. Are you familiar
                                                                        asked, are designed to get at the definition in 54.052?
   with that?
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                                                                           A (Witness nodded head up and down.)
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                                                                                 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. And calls
       A So - so the ApplyTexas application that I - I
                                                                       for speculation.
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                                                                           A (The Witness) Yeah. I think that's - that's
   believe - I think technically is probably - is owned, if
                                                                        what I was trying to say.
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    you will, by the - the higher ed, so the THECB, the
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    Texas ---
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                                                                           Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay.
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                                                                           A Yeah.
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             (The Reporter asked for a repeat of the
                                                                           Q And once that determination is made, could you,
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             last part of the Witness' answer which
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             broke up.)
                                                                    24 at the - any of the departments you oversee, could they
                                                                       overturn that and say, "No. We think this student is a
       Q (Mr. Weldon) I'm - I'm sorry. Can you --
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Page 25 Page 27 Q So is there like some sort of Statute that 1 resident, or is not a resident"? A No. I don't - I mean, no. Just - just to sit 2 requires you to - to make applications available through 3 there and say, you know, "Shannon, no. I think he should ApplyTexas? 4 be a - a - a resident," no. They don't have the MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Objection. Calls for 5 authority or latitude. legal conclusion. There are cases that - you know, a minority A (The Witness) I honestly couldn't cite you 6 7 of - of applications that will come through that they will 7 that. 8 pass as - I think the code is Undetermined, and that's It's just - it's my understanding that we -8 9 based on perhaps how somebody answered the - the - the 9 to be one - is that it - it's not - I do not believe we 10 question. They are coded as a nonresident, and then they 10 have a - or do not believe we have a choice to not be 11 are - they have to answer the questions again, and present in ApplyTexas. Let me answer it that way. 12 then provide documentation. Q (Mr. Weldon) Okay. But you also use the Common That documentation is again prescribed by 13 App. And - and let me make sure I'm saying this right. 14 the Coordinating Board about what's acceptable. So we Common, like the word C-O-M-M-O-N, App? 14 15 don't have any flexibility, you know, on - on that, 15 A Correct. Q So I'm trying to unpack what you just - what you 16 Q Okay. And that was a choice made by the 16 17 just told me there. University of North Texas. 17 18 So like let's say that they're - well, 18 A Correct. 19 let - let's do it this way. 19 Q Okay. That would be similar to if I choose to Are there any students - if - if you're use Microsoft Word, as opposed to WordPerfect. Correct? 20 21 going to apply to be a student at the University of North 21 A Yeah. I mean, I guess, on a - on - on one 22 Texas, is there any way to do so outside of the ApplyTexas 22 level. Q Do you have any other - any other way that the 23 program? 23 A Some of our students will come through an 24 University of North Texas establishes resident status, 25 application called the Common App. And that - the Common 25 other than ApplyTexas or the Common App? Page 26 Page 28 1 App. So it's another application process. A A student - so every - both of those use this. And - but it has - it will have the same 2 A student who comes in and then perhaps later has now met 3 this definition, because they have met one of the myriad series of - of questions on there. Q And is - is that - is the Common App - I - I 4 of - of choices in there, could - could get a - a change -5 believe is what you called it - is that run by the 5 have their resident status changed after coming in, but 6 University of North Texas? 6 everybody who initiates and comes in is done that way --A The Common App is a - I don't - I don't know how Q So --8 to accurately phrase it - but we don't own the Common App. A -- you know. 9 The Common App is a - is more of a - I'll say a national Q -- over - the student you just described, who 10 application, but it's - it's an application that schools 10 wants to have their resident status changed, what would be 11 in many states use, as well. the process for that? Q Okay. And is that an app that you - that you A It would answer the same questions. They would 12 13 have - that the University of North Texas has chosen to then have to provide the documentation that's prescribed 14 use? by the Coordinating Board that's acceptable. 15 A Correct. That would go through a - a committee, Q Okay. And the same is - with ApplyTexas. Is 16 then, for review, to make sure that they've answered, and 17 that an app that the University of North Texas has chosen 17 provided the answer correctly, and provided that 18 to use? documentation to support that. The documentation is what 19 A It's my understanding that was chose for us, and is acceptable to the - based on the Coordinating Board. 19 20 why - the reason I say that, I mean, is it is my 20 Q And is that - is that committee in one of the, 21 understanding that we are - there is an expectation that 21 you know, departments that you oversee? 22 we use that, from the Coordinating Board, so we have to be A Yeah. Its a - I - I think there may be, and I 23 present in - in ApplyTexas. 23 don't know the - I - I don't know - so yes. The - the -And so the vast majority of our 24 the gist of it sits within my division, but there may be applications come through ApplyTexas. 25 representation outside the division on the committee. I -

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1 I can't tell you who the committee members are, off the	1 (The Certified Shorthand Reporter JUDY A.
2 top of	2 COUGHENOUR JOHNSON hereby states that
3 Q Okay.	Exhibit Nos. 1 through 4 were marked at
4 A my head.	4 the conclusion of the deposition, and the
5 Q Okay. But the - the committee is within your	5 originals are to be attached to the
6 division. Correct?	6 original transcript of the deposition.)
7 A Correct.	7
8 Q Okay. And do you understand that that	8
9 committee, in - in - that's within the division you	9
o oversee, do you understand that it complies with state	10
1 law?	11
A Yes. They're using the same - same Statute	12
and - and questions, and then the documentation that's	13
4 prescribed by the Coordinating Board.	14
5 Q Okay. I don't - let me just take a brief break.	15
6 I don't think I have anything else, but I'm going to break	16
for about five minutes, and then I'll come back. Okay?	17
MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: Sure.	18
19 A (The Witness) Fair enough.	19
Q (Mr. Weldon) All right.	20
THE REPORTER: We'll be off the record at	21
22 2:01.	22
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1 (Witness passed at 2:04 p.m.)	1 CHANGES AND SIGNATURE
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3 to do any Redirect, Miss Gomez, I think we're - we're	3 DATE TAKEN: NOVEMBER 12, 2021
4 finished.	4 PAGE LINE CHANGE REASON
5 MS. HELLUMS-GOMEZ: No, sir. We appreciate	5
6 your time.	6
7 MR. WELDON: Thank you.	7
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8 And Judy, what - what do you	
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2		1	December 16, 2021.
3		3	THAT the amount of time used by each party at the
4		4	deposition is as follows:
5	1, SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN, have read the foregoing	5	CHANCE WELDON - (36 minutes)
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9	PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT OF) THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH		
10	THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH) TEXAS)		
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12	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION		
13	DEPOSITION OF SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN		
14	NOVEMBER 12, 2021		
15 16	I, JUDY A. COUGHENOUR JOHNSON, a Certified		
17	Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do		
18	hereby certify to the following:		
19	THAT the Witness, SHANNON MICHAEL GOODMAN, was duly		
20	sworn by the officer, and that the transcript of the oral		
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Division Information

The Division of Enrollment is charged with the goals of improving the quality, quantity and diversity of UNT's student population through effective enrollment management and strategic enrollment strategies. The division includes the following departments:

- Undergraduate Admissions
 Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Student Financial Services
- · Registrar's Office
- Transfer Articulation

Bio Information

Shannon Goodman began as the founding vice president of the Division of Enrollment in February 2015. Mr. Goodman is responsible for building an effective enrollment management operation and ensuring UNT achieves sustainable enrollment growth while balancing both quality and accessibility. In collaboration with others at the university, Mr. Goodman oversees UNT programs such as the Eagle Express Tuition Plan (https://eagleexpress.unt.edu/), a plan that locks in students' total academic costs for four years and saves them up to \$4,000 if they graduate in four years. Mr. Goodman has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and most recently served as associate vice president of enrollment and student services at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Mr. Goodman joined UNLV in 2008 as executive director for student systems, overseeing the day-to-day management, planning, organizing and directing of the staff and operations and UNLV's adoption of new information systems for admissions, recruitment, records, advising, financial aid and student accounts. Prior to joining UNLV, Goodman was managing partner for STK onsulting, working with higher education clients adopting new technical solutions including enterprise resource planning software.

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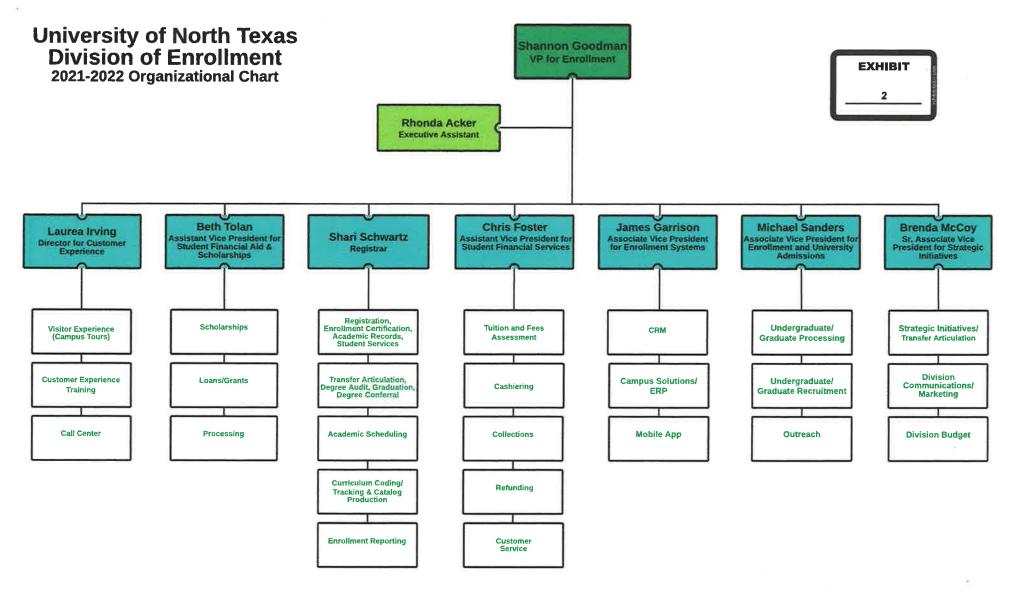




EXHIBIT BY 3

Texas Education Code

§ 54.051 Tuition Rates

- (a) In this section:
 - (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
 - (2) "General academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003 (Definitions)(3) of this code.
 - (3) "Medical and dental unit" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003 (Definitions) of this code.
 - (4) "Public junior college" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003 (Definitions)(2) of this code.
- (b) The governing board of each institution of higher education and of the Texas State Technical College System shall cause to be collected from students registering at the institution tuition or registration fees at the rates prescribed in this section.
- (c) Unless a different rate is specified by this section, tuition for a resident student at a general academic teaching institution is \$50 per semester credit hour.
- (d) Unless a different rate is specified by this section, tuition for a nonresident student at a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit is an amount per semester credit hour equal to the average of the nonresident undergraduate tuition charged to a resident of this state at a public state university in each of the five most populous states other than this state, as computed by the coordinating board under this subsection. The coordinating board shall set the tuition rate provided by this subsection for each academic year and report that rate to each appropriate institution not later than January 1 of the calendar year in which the academic year begins, or as soon after that January 1 as practicable. In computing the tuition rate, the coordinating board shall use the nonresident tuition rates for the other states in effect for the academic year in progress when the board makes the computation.
- (e) Tuition for a resident student registered only for thesis or dissertation credit that is the final credit hour requirement for the degree in progress is determined by the governing board of the institution in which the student is enrolled.
- (f) Tuition for a resident student enrolled in a program leading to an M.D. or D.O. degree is \$6,550 per academic year. Tuition for a nonresident student enrolled in a program leading to an M.D. or D.O. degree is an amount per year equal to three times the rate that a resident student enrolled in a program leading to an M.D. or D.O. degree would pay during the corresponding academic year.
- (g) Tuition for a resident student enrolled in a program leading to a D.D.S. degree is \$5,400 per academic year. Tuition for a nonresident student enrolled in program leading to a D.D.S.

- degree is an amount per year equal to three times the rate that a resident student enrolled in a program leading to a D.D.S. degree would pay during the corresponding academic year.
- (h) Tuition for a resident student enrolled in a program leading to a D.V.M. degree is \$5,400 per academic year. Tuition for a nonresident student enrolled in a program leading to a D.V.M. degree is an amount per year equal to three times the rate that a resident student enrolled in a program leading to a D.V.M. degree would pay during the corresponding academic year.
- (i) Tuition for a resident student registered at a law school is \$80 per semester credit hour. Tuition for a nonresident student registered at a law school is the amount that can be charged a nonresident graduate student under Subsection (d) and Section 54.008 (Tuition Rate Set by Governing Board).
- (j) Tuition for a student registered in a program leading to a degree in nursing or in an allied health profession is the same as for students with the same residency registered at a general academic teaching institution.
- **(k)** Tuition for a resident student registered at the Texas State Technical College System is the greater of \$50 or an amount set by the governing board of the system at not less than \$16 per semester credit hour. Tuition for a nonresident student registered at the Texas State Technical College System is an amount set by the governing board of the system at not less than \$80 per semester credit hour.
- (1) Resident students or nonresident students registered for a course or courses in art, architecture, drama, speech, or music, where individual coaching or instruction is the usual method of instruction, shall pay a fee, in addition to the regular tuition, set by the governing board of the institution.
- (m) Unless the student establishes residency or is entitled or permitted to pay resident tuition as provided by this subchapter, tuition for a student who is a citizen of any country other than the United States of America is the same as the tuition required of other nonresident students.
- (n) Tuition for a resident student registered in a public junior college is determined by the governing board of each institution, but the tuition may not be less than \$8 for each semester credit hour and may not total less than \$25 for a semester. Tuition for a nonresident student is determined by the governing board of each institution but the tuition may not be less than \$200 for each semester.
- (o) Renumbered as V.T.C.A., Education Code Sec. 54.063 and amended by Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 708, Sec. 8, eff. Aug. 26, 1985.
- (p) Renumbered as V.T.C.A., Education Code Sec. 54.064 and amended by Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 708, Sec. 9, eff. Aug. 26, 1985.

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Texas Education Code

§ 54.052

Determination of Resident Status

- (a) Subject to the other applicable provisions of this subchapter governing the determination of resident status, the following persons are considered residents of this state for purposes of this title:
 - (1) a person who:
 - (A) established a domicile in this state not later than one year before the census date of the academic term in which the person is enrolled in an institution of higher education; and
 - (B) maintained that domicile continuously for the year preceding that census date;
 - (2) a dependent whose parent:
 - (A) established a domicile in this state not later than one year before the census date of the academic term in which the dependent is enrolled in an institution of higher education; and
 - (B) maintained that domicile continuously for the year preceding that census date; and
 - (3) a person who:
 - (A) graduated from a public or private high school in this state or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this state; and
 - (B) maintained a residence continuously in this state for:
 - the three years preceding the date of graduation or receipt of the diploma equivalent, as applicable; and
 - (ii) the year preceding the census date of the academic term in which the person is enrolled in an institution of higher education.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the domicile of a dependent's parent is presumed to be the domicile of the dependent unless the person establishes eligibility for resident status under Subsection (a)(3).

Acts 1971, 62nd Leg., p. 3072, ch. 1024, art. 1, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1971. Amended by Acts 1979, 66th Leg., p. 1065, ch. 496, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 27, 1979; Acts 1981, 67th Leg., p. 1813, ch. 402, Sec. 1, eff. June 11, 1981; Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 620, Sec. 2, eff. Aug. 28, 1989; Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 425, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 30, 1993; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1392, Sec. 2, eff. June 16, 2001.

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